(c) Does not arise.

(d) The partnership proposal for which in principle approval was granted, did not materialise on account of change of mind of the proposed partner.

Memorial for Vignaneshwara

*135. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any memorial for Vignaneshwara has been contemplated in Marthur village near Gulbarga in Karnataka;

(b) if so, what is its nature; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider for the construction of a Memorial in honour of great author of Mitakshara?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A proposal for setting up a Memorial for Vignaneshwara has been taken up by Vignaneshwara Sowhardha Sahkari Trust with the State Government of Karnataka. The Government of Karnataka have granted six acres of land to the Trust in Martur village of Chittapur Taluk in Gulburga District for establishing this Memorial. No proposal has so far been received in the Department of Culture for providing financial assistance for this Memorial.

Entry of foreign agencies in education and vocational training under GATT

*136. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the elements of the General Agreement on Trade and Services concerning Education at Primary level, Secondary level, Tertiary level and Vocational Training;

(b) whether Government have signed any protocol approving the entry of foreign agencies in these sectors;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether some schools have sought and obtained approval to be centres for foreign qualifications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) The five elements of Educational Services Sector under the General Agreement on Trade in Services) (GATS) as per WTO Services Sectoral Classification (MTN.GNS/W/120) are: (A) Primary Education Services, (B) Secondary Education Services, (C) Higher Education Services, (D) Adult Education, and (E) Other Education Services. Primary Education Services include primary education services and pre-school education services, but exclude child day care services and services related to provision of literacy programmes for adults. Secondary Education Services include services related to provision of high school education and technical and vocational education, as also school type services for handicapped students. Higher Education Services include two distinct groups, one relating to the teaching of practical skills in post-secondary, sub-degree technical and vocational education institutions and the other dealing with more theoretical educational services provided by universities, colleges and specialized professional schools. Adult Education Services refer to all educational services that are not in the regular school and university systems. This includes both general and vocational subjects, literacy programmes, and any educational services delivered by correspondence or broadcast, but excludes any programmes delivered through the regular educational system. Other Education Services include anything not mentioned elsewhere with the exception of recreational matters.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) During the period 1983 to 1999, ten proposals have been received, viz., proposals from United World College. Canadian School, Delhi, Canadian School, Chandigarh, and Canadian School, Bangalore, Varkey International Public School, Lonavala, Maharishi Heaven on Earth Development Corporation Ltd., International Grammer School, Chennai, Shri Dinesh Chandra Kothari, Indo-Canadian Academy, Kolkata, and New Delhi International School. Out of these only the proposals from United World College near Pune, Canadian School, Bangalore, Varkey International Public School, Lonavala, Maharishi Heaven on Earth Development

Corporation Ltd., and Indo-Canadian Academy, Kolkata have been found suitable and approved. The proposal of New Delhi International School has not yet been approved.

Crisis in Co-operative Banks

*137. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a series of small co-operative banks in Tamil Nadu in particular and in other States in general are on the verge of collapse;

(b) if so, the steps taken to set right the situation to instill confidence in the depositors;

(c) whether Government have conducted any study to know the status of such small cooperatives and other private banks all over the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Some banks in Tamil Nadu and elsewhere in the country have been classified as 'weak'. According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) out of the 137 Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) in the State of Tamil Nadu, as on 30th June, 2002, 23 are classified as 'weak'. In the country as a whole, the total number of weak UCBs as on 30 June, 2002 is 292. This is against a total of 2090 UCBs.

(b) With a view to protect the interests of the depositors, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken several actions depending upon the level of crisis on a case-to-case basis. These steps include advising the identified banks to draw up a time bound action plan for revival, issuing directions under Banking Regulation Act restricting the activities of the bank, superseding of Board of Directors and appointing an administrator in case of mismanagement, cancellation of licence and settling the deposit insurance claim through Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) and instituting criminal proceedings against the Board of Directors and other executives of the bank concerned, etc.